

Remarks

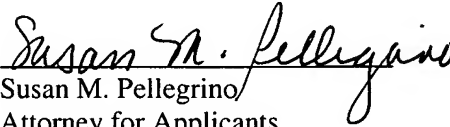
By way of this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to incorporate by reference the Sequence Listing as required by 35 USC § 1.52(e)(5). Applicants have elected to submit the Sequence Listing on compact disc. Applicants hereby submit a computer-readable form of the sequence listing (Sequence Listing in Computer Readable Form) and two copies of the sequence listing (Copy 1 and Copy 2), all on compact discs (CD-R). The Sequence Listing contained on said discs is incorporated by reference in its entirety. No new matter was added by way of this submission.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (203) 812-6450.

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